(b) whether it is also a fact that there is good harvest of cotton this year in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which his Ministry are not allowing the export of cotton?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKMDEO NARAYAN YA-DAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Cotton Advisory Board at its meeting held on 17th December, 1990 had estimated a production of 122 lakh bales of cotton during the 1990-91 cotton season against the production of 133. 50 lakh ba-les's during the 1989-90 season.

(c) During the 1990-91 cotton season quotas for export of 12. 55 lakh bales of cotton have so far been released, including one lakh bale released through transfer and additional one lakh bale.

**Introduction of Single Window Clearance for 100 per cent Export Oriented Units**

1039. SHRI V.. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce single window clear ance machanism for 100 per cent export oriented units and free trade zone in the country; and

(b) what are the other benefits which Government propose to extend to such units?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PUROSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) All approvals in respect of 100 per cent BOUs and EPZs are granted by Boards of Approval, seperately constituted for both schemes. With a view to facilitate single window clearance, all concerned Government Departments are represented on these Boards.

(b) 100 per cent EOU/EPZ scheme is periodically reviewed with a view to consider grant of such benefits *as* would make the scheme attractive to Exporters.

**Decline in demand for indian goods in British and European Markets**

1040. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late the demand for Indian goods in British and European markets have declined;

(b) whether it is due to the availability of better quality goods from China, Singapore, Malayasia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and other countries; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government so as to make Indian goods competitive in foreign markets?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY IDF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PUROSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) No Sir. 'fasct 'India's overall exports to Britain and European markets (both East and West) have actually been increasing during the last three years as will (be seen from the statement appended.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is the continuous endeavour of the Government to facilitate increased exports of Indian goods.

Statement (Rs. in crores)

| | 1987-88 | 1988-89 | 1989-90 | 1990 (April-Nov. ) |
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| U. K. | 1033. 38 | 4362. 85 | 1164. 89 | 1601. 63 | 1349. 42 |
| West Europe East Europe | 2593. 00 | 5473. 31 | 7660. 76 | 5889. 47' |
| | | 3356. 00 | 5336. 00 | 4034. 00 |

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